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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
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Ex parte ROBERT DAVID PIOTROWSKI, MOLLY CHRISTINE FINDLEY,  
CARYN MARIE CRAWFORD and MICHELLE CAROLYN FABER

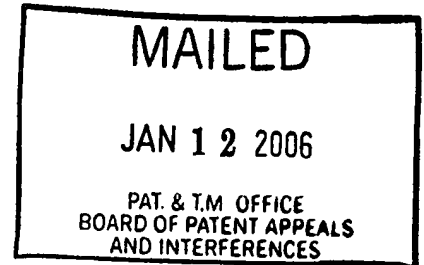
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Application 09/804,819

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ORDER REMANDING TO THE EXAMINER

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Before FLEMING, Chief Administrative Patent Judge, HARKCOM, Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judge, and MACDONALD, Administrative Patent Judge.

PER CURIAM

On consideration of the record, we note that the appeal includes rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101 involving the statutory nature of at least some of the claims on appeal. We further note that the evaluation of such claims could possibly be affected by the Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks' published final version of the "Interim

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Guidelines for Examination of Patent Application for Patent Subject Matter Eligibility",  
signed October 26, 2005. This document is located at the following URL:  
[http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/preognotice/guidelines101\\_20051026.pdf](http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/preognotice/guidelines101_20051026.pdf).

Thus, we hereby remand this application for reconsideration in view of the  
"Guidelines" cited above, and for any other action that the examiner deems appropriate.

REMANDED

  
MICHAEL R. FLEMING, Chief  
Administrative Patent Judge

  
GARY V. HARKCOM, Vice Chief  
Administrative Patent Judge

  
ALLEN R. MACDONALD  
Administrative Patent Judge

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